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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION FOR REFERENCES  
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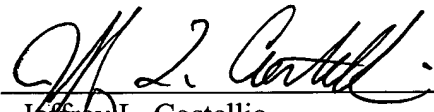
Sir:

It is requested, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, that the references cited in the International Search Report dated June 20, 2001, (copy enclosed) be considered and made of Record in the subject application. These references are listed on the Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith.

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